

The City of Pomona **Request to Retain Funds For** The SR-71 Mission Blvd. Interchange

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Public Works Department

That the CTC amend the LACMTA STIP Amendment Request to retain funding for the SR -71 Mission Blvd. Interchange Project because:

- The project will grade separate Mission Blvd. the major east/west arterial through western Pomona. It provides access into the City from Route 57 and Route 71 as well as access to the Pomona Civic Center and downtown areas. The project is the most major component of the regionally significant Caltrans SR-71 upgrade project.
- The total project cost is \$24, 871,000, the project is fully funded. Of this amount, \$11,408,000 (45%) is from state or local funds programmed or allocated to the City of Pomona; \$13,463,000 is STIP funds programmed through the 1999 and 2001 MTA Calls for Projects. The MTA signed a Letter of Agreement with the City of Pomona in August of 2002. Project implementation is on schedule, the City is currently ready to go to bid on preparation of construction plans and specifications.
- In an action taken February 5, 2003 in response to the State Budget Crisis, the MTA adopted regional priorities for transportation improvements and developed a STIP Amendment Request. This request included reprogramming \$10,934,000 from the SR-71 Mission Blvd. project to support MTA funding priorities. No discussion or consultation with the City of Pomona was held prior to recommending this decision.
- The City of Pomona is scheduled to go to construction on this project in FY '04-'05. The STIP funds in question are to support construction efforts for FY '05-'06. Loss of these funds will result in project delay and a significant increase in construction costs.
- The project is an important infrastructure improvement to the City of Pomona. It will create construction jobs for the region and generate business for the local economy during construction. For a longer term impact, the project will facilitate access from the residential area west of SR-71 to the downtown business district of Pomona. This will encourage development along the Mission Blvd. corridor consistent with the City of Pomona's plan to spur the local economy.

